1: Burrows--34 (1947-48) Woleaians
116, 322, 245 Ilalik

"The stout midribs of coconut leaves are laid crosswise in the path of a canoe being hauled to or from the canoe-house. As this green midrib does not burn readily, it also makes a good rack for smoking fish. Its perfectly straight grain adapts it to still other uses. A strip of it makes a flexible ruler, for measuring and drawing lines on the curved surface of a canoe hull during its construction. Smaller strips peeled off the surface make thongs for tying thatch to a roof. A strip thin as a thread, formed into a loop and held between a woman's fingers, is used to split pandanus leaf into strips of even width to make a mat or fine basket."

1: Burrows--34 (1947-48) Woleaians
116, 245, 322 Ifalik

"Coconut wood varies in quality from a hard, dense layer on the outside of the trunk to a comparatively pithy center. The wood rots rather quickly when exposed to moisture. For this reason none of it is used in canoes, and coconut trunks are not set in the ground as posts for houses except when nothing better is available. They are then put over a fire and scorched to harden them, but even so are said to last only a year or two.

Under a roof and clear of the ground, coconut wood escapes this disadvantage. It is in general use for the beams that form the superstructure of a house. Where thin, elastic strips are needed, the hard outer layer makes excellent material. So coconut is considered the best of wood for thatch rafters. The same qualities make it the only wood used for fish spears (kowai). On Ifalik these are not light lances but heavy pikes 15 to 20 feet long. They have simple points without barbs. They are used mainly in a bonito drive when the school of fish is not considered large enough to drive ashore."

1: Burrows--36 (1947-48) Woleaians
116, 322, 396, 245 Ifalik

"The yellow wood of the breadfruit is light, soft, and easily worked, yet does not split easily and is said to be very durable. It constitutes the underbody of nearly all canoe hulls (I saw one small underbody of the tougher ragues (Calophyllum inophyllum), a favorite in high islands.) Breadfruit wood is also used for all canoe planks and outrigger floats. Only smaller parts subject to special strain, like end posts, outrigger booms, and the sticks and braces of the outrigger attachments, are made of harder and heavier wood."

1: Burrows--42 (1947-48) Woleaians
116, 322 Ifalik

"Pandanus trunks, like those of coconut, have an outer shell of very hard wood and a comparatively pithy interior. This tubular structure may make them strong for their weight; at any rate, they are favored for certain house timbers where both strength and lightness are wanted, such as king-posts and supports for the overhanging rounded end of roofs. Strips cut from the hard shell alone are put to a few uses for which thickness is not required, --for example, slats to form the floor of canoe platforms. To judge by this use, pandanus wood will stand salt water better than that of coconut."

1: Burrows--116 (1947-48) Woleaians
116, 322, 532, 463 Ifalik

"Some other skills, particularly fine woodwork in small articles like statues and men's combs, are specialties without title or formal training. Tom summed up the situation: 'Some men savvy; all men no savvy.' One such, who made more statues than anyone else, was Wètrlliwok, emaciated by some ailment that prevented his doing heavy work, but deft with his hands. When he wanted specimens of the finer men's combs, skilfully pegged together from little splints of straight-grained ria wood, Tom found a man to make them. He also undertook to have a wooden bowl hewn out for each of us; but, whether because of scarcity of raguēs wood, or decadence of the art in these days of metal pots and pans, or some other reason, the bowls were never forthcoming."

2; Damm et al. --128
116, 322, 412

(1909) 1938

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Aurupik

Wood was rough-hewn with the ax, which had a firm shell blade that could not be turned (dălai berĕi). The single parts are called: handle-imĕĭm, shell blade - berĕi, binding - fŏfo.

2: Damm et al. --169 (1909) 1938 Woleaians
116, 462, 322 Faraulep

The men did all the wood work. They made bowls, covers for boxes, coconut graters, combs, weapons, canoes and parts of the huts.

4: Krämer--62-63 (1909) 1937 Woleaians
116, 322 Lamotrek

Main products of manufacture: wooden bowls, houses and boats, small idols, and birds (Color Plate 2) [VMM: see source]. Among the small special objects there is a chair which Ikesera imitated from the model of a deckchair that he happened to see on the ships. [63] Photo no. 1026 shows Ikesera sitting on the chair (Figure 25) [VMM: see source].

4: Krämer-- 237
116, 322

(1909) 1937

Woleaians
Woleai

Woodwork.

Products: wooden bowls
head rests (classified as furniture)
houses and canoes
(Kotzebue: to rough-hew, falla).